HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by: Hinkle, Tyler

A RESOLUTION recognizing the 10th anniversary of Project Lifesaver.

Whereas, Project Lifesaver is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation established in April 1999 through the Chesapeake County Sheriff's office;

Whereas, Project Lifesaver was formed "to develop a comprehensive program to enhance success at locating missing persons with dementia, Alzheimer's, autism, or Down syndrome who are at risk of wandering";

Whereas, Project Lifesaver relies on proven technology and a specially trained search and rescue team;

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Whereas, Project Lifesaver clients wear a wristband that sends out a silent tracking signal;

Whereas, When caregivers report a loved one missing, a search and rescue team responds and begins searching with state-of-the-art tracking equipment;

Whereas, In over 1,800 searches nationwide, there have been no reported serious injuries or deaths, and recoveries average less than 30 minutes;

Whereas, Indianapolis began a Project Lifesaver in 2005 following the drowning death of a young Indianapolis autistic boy;

Whereas, The program currently has over 100 firefighters and police officers citywide trained in search and rescue with the Project Lifesaver equipment serving 50 children and adults in the Indianapolis area; and

Whereas, For ten years, Project Lifesaver and its local affiliates have worked tirelessly to protect those afflicted with brain disorders: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives congratulates the Project Lifesaver program on its success in the first 10 years of its existence and urges the group to continue serving people in need.

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SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Gene Saunders, the chief executive officer and founder of Project Lifesaver.

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